

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A tree-mountable backpack blind for use by hunters and others, comprising:

~~a blind frame having~~ a generally planar vertical frame comprising a tree-facing side including tree-securing means for securing the vertical frame to a ~~capable of being secured to the side of~~ a tree or similar vertical structure, the vertical frame further comprising a baseless lower end adapted to be held above the ground when the vertical frame is secured to a side of a tree or similar vertical structure, the vertical frame ~~having~~ further comprising cantilevered upper and lower canopy support arms having respective storage positions stowed essentially flat against the frame and respective extended positions extending laterally away from a tree-opposing side of the vertical frame away from the tree;

~~and a seat extending~~ mounted on a lower portion of the vertical frame away from the tree ~~below the lower canopy support arms to extend laterally away from the tree-opposing side of the frame;~~ and,

a canopy adapted to be supported on the upper and lower canopy support arms when the upper and lower canopy support arms are in their extended positions, the canopy having an open bottom with a lower edge spaced from and hanging freely below the seat.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The blind of claim 1, wherein the ~~blind~~ vertical frame ~~has~~ comprises a spaced pair of upper canopy support arms and a spaced pair of lower canopy

support arms, the lower canopy support arms ~~being spaced a distance greater than the upper canopy support arms~~ having a greater spacing at outer ends thereof in their extended position and the upper support arms having a lesser spacing at outer ends thereof in their extended position.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The blind of claim 2, wherein the lower canopy support arms extend laterally away from the tree-opposing side of the vertical frame a distance greater than the upper canopy support arms in their respective extended positions.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The blind of claim 3, wherein the canopy ~~has~~ comprises a generally triangular planar front opening above the lower canopy support arms and defined in part by canopy sidewall portions above the lower canopy support arms, the front opening corresponding to the lesser-width spacing of the upper support arms and the greater-width spacing of the lower support arms in their respective extended positions, the generally triangular planar front opening being angled rearwardly and upwardly from the lower canopy support arms to the upper canopy support arms toward the frame.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The blind of claim 4, wherein the canopy ~~has~~ comprises an upper canopy portion located above the seat lower canopy support arms and defining the generally triangular front opening, and a lower closable canopy portion extending laterally beyond the upper canopy portion.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The blind of claim 1, wherein the upper and lower canopy support arms are ~~movable~~ capable of being telescoped and rotated without disassembly from their ~~laterally~~ respective extended positions to their respective storage positions generally flat against the frame.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The blind of claim 6, wherein the upper canopy support arms ~~have~~ comprise vertically-extendable portions movable in telescoping fashion up and down relative to the vertical frame, and lateral portions rotatable against and away from the vertical frame.

Claim 8 (currently amended): ~~The blind of claim 6~~ A tree-mountable backpack blind for use by hunters and others, comprising:

a generally planar vertical frame capable of being secured to a side of a tree or similar vertical structure, the vertical frame comprising upper and lower canopy support arms extending laterally from the vertical frame away from a tree or similar vertical structure and a seat extending laterally from a lower portion of the frame away from a tree or similar vertical structure below the lower canopy support arms; and,

a canopy supported on the upper and lower canopy support arms, the canopy comprising an open bottom with a lower edge hanging below the seat,

wherein the upper and lower canopy support arms are movable from their laterally extended positions to their storage positions generally flat against the frame and wherein the lower canopy support arms are rotatably mounted on the vertical frame for rotation about a horizontal axis ~~in the plane of~~ on the vertical frame.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The blind of claim 8, wherein the lower canopy support arms ~~have~~ comprise horizontally-extendable portions movable inwardly and outwardly along the horizontal axis relative to the vertical frame to adjust the width of their spacing.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The blind of claim 9, wherein the lower canopy support arms are rotatably mounted on vertically-rotatable bases mounted on the vertical frame, the vertically-rotatable bases being rotatable about a vertical axis in the plane of the vertical frame.

Claim 11 (currently amended): The blind of claim 8, wherein the lower canopy support arms ~~have~~ comprise laterally extendable end extensions.

Claim 12 (currently amended): The blind of claim 1, wherein the vertical frame ~~includes~~ comprises backpack straps.

Claim 13 (currently amended): The blind of claim 12, wherein the vertical frame ~~includes~~ comprises a packbag.

Claim 14 (currently amended): The blind of claim 3, wherein the lower canopy support arms extend laterally away from the vertical frame a distance greater than the seat in their extended position.

Claim 15 (currently amended): The blind of claim 1, wherein the seat can be moved to a storage position against the vertical frame.

Claim 16 (currently amended): The blind of claim 1, wherein the lower end of the canopy hangs below the baseless lower end of the vertical frame when the vertical frame is secured to a side of a tree or similar vertical structure.

Claims 17-18 (canceled)

Claim 19 (original): A tree-mountable backpack blind for use by hunters and others, comprising:

~~a generally vertical backpack frame with means for readily deploying and collapsing arms attached to a backpack frame for supporting a flexible covering;~~

~~a readily deployable and collapsible roof support means attached to the frame for supporting the flexible covering;~~

~~and a means for attaching the backpack frame to a vertical upright structure~~
a blind frame having a generally planar vertical frame comprising a tree-facing side including tree-securing means for securing the vertical frame to a side of a tree or similar vertical structure, the vertical frame further comprising a baseless lower end adapted to be held above the ground when the vertical frame is secured to a side of a tree or similar vertical structure, the vertical frame further comprising canopy support arms extending laterally from a tree-opposing side of the vertical frame;

a seat mounted on a lower portion of the vertical frame below the lower canopy support arms to extend laterally away from the tree-opposing side of the frame; and,

a canopy adapted to be supported on the canopy support arms, the canopy having an open bottom with a lower edge spaced from and hanging freely below the seat and a roof portion positioned above the seat.